IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of | |) |
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| | Michael T. Carley, et al. |) |
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| Examiner: | James L. Swiger III |) |
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AMENDMENT "D" AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

VIA eFILE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2008 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.